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ATTACK NEGLECT OF SODA PLANT REPAIRS,
SHORT-MEASURE OXYGEN CYLINDERS;
SEND RUBEROID TO GES

BEREZNIKI SODA PLANT NEEDS CITED -- Moscow, Pravda, 13 May 51

A number of shops at the large, old Berezniki Soda Plant need urgent repairs. Several authoritative resolutions have been made concerning the importance of this work, and a number of orders have been issued by the Ministry of Chemical Industry. However, these resolutions and orders are being fulfilled very slowly.

Anisimov, newly appointed director of the plant, correctly appraising the situation, wrote a letter to the minister on 22 February, in which he set down a clear and well-grounded statement of the urgent needs of the enterprises. It did not reach the minister, but was handed around from one person to another. Resolutions were made, and responsibilities shifted, but nothing was really done. For 5 years, the plant's needs have been neglected.

Practically all disruption of work at the plant has been due to lack of brick. The plant managers arranged for the construction of a silica brick shop, which would solve this problem in large measure. However, an obstacle has arisen. The managers of the construction organizations of the ministry have noticed the shop, and the chief of Glavkhimpromstroy (Main Administration of Construction of the Chemical Industry) succeeded, with much trouble, in getting authorization to force the plant managers to ship 2 million bricks to other places instead of being used at the Berezniki Soda Plant. This is more than half the annual capacity of the shop.

The chief engineer of Glavsoda has visited the plant repeatedly. He looks around, swears, makes promises, and goes home again. The purpose of his visits is to hunt for opportunities to shift the blame to the shoulders of the plant personnel. Naturally the plant management has failings, but it cannot do what is only within the power of the ministry to do. Orders were

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issued at the ministry, but were not carried out by its own personnel. Through the fault of the ministry, the Uralskimpromstroy Trust (Ural Construction Trust of the Chemical Industry), which supervises construction activities at the plant, is carrying its wretched existence to absurdity, for no one has sincerely taken the trouble to assist it, and its activity has been limited to replacing the manager, who has brought no improvement.

During the last war, the Berezniki Soda Plant supplied the whole country with soda, without which the most important types of production would have been impossible, but now that the war is over, the enterprise has become a third-rate plant. -- M. Danilkin, correspondent of the Molotov Oblast newspaper Evezda

PUT OUT OXYGEN CYLINDERS WITH SHORT MEASURE -- Vil'nyus, Sovetskaya Litva, 7 Apr 51

Oxygen, which is indispensable in gas welding, is being put out regularly by the Kaunas Oxygen Plant in cylinders which are not filled to the required measure. The normal capacity of an oxygen cylinder is 6,000 liters, at a pressure of 130-150 atmospheres. However, many cylinders are being put out by the plant with a pressure of 100 atmospheres or less.

Construction work at the plant requires about 40 cylinders of oxygen every day: 35-40 percent of these come with a pressure of 95-90 atmospheres, yet the full price is paid. The construction administration is suffering great loss, and in addition its consumption of oxygen is increasing 40 percent. Besides, superfluous automatic machines are being sent from Vil'nyus to Kaunas, also raising the cost of the plant's output.

Why does the plant management put out defective goods, and why does not the plant's Department of Technical Control do something about the situation? -- N. Vlasenko, chief mechanic, Construction and Assembly Administration

PLANT SENDS RUBEROID TO KAKNOVKA GES -- Kiev, Pravda Ukrainy, 11 Apr 51

In January 1951 the Odessa Ruberoid Plant received its first order for the Kaknovka GES construction project -- the production of several thousand meters of ruberoid. It was completed far ahead of schedule. The second order, planned for completion in March, was finished in February.

Now the third order, twice as large as the last one, has been received. It will also be completed ahead of schedule.

INCREASE PRODUCTION OF MINERAL FERTILIZERS -- Tashkent, Pravda Vostoka, 7 Apr 51

The Chirchik Electrochemical Combine imeni Stalin is putting out a large quantity of above-plan ammonium nitrate for Uzbek SSR cotton growers. Measures were taken which are making possible a sharp rise in the output of mineral fertilizers in April.

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